PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

DRAFT STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

FFY 2016-2021

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (WVDOH) will hold eleven planning-level informational public workshops on the development of a Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) covering Federal Fiscal Years (FFY's) 2016 to 2021. During these workshops, WVDOH and other transportation officials will be seeking input on the proposed mix of projects (i.e. expansion, resurfacing, transit, etc...) that should be incorporated into West Virginia's Draft STIP.

Information identifying the amount of federal funds anticipated to be available during the six-year period, a proposed mix of project types and a listing of projects currently proposed for the Draft STIP will be available for review and discussion. No formal presentation will be made. All Public workshops will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The dates and locations of the workshops are as follows:

<u>Tuesday, October 6, 2015,</u> at the Elkins Middle School, located at 308 Robert E. Lee Avenue, Elkins, WV 26241;

<u>Thursday, October 8, 2015,</u> at the Lewis County High School, located at 205 Minuteman Drive, Weston, WV 26452;

<u>Tuesday, October 13, 2015,</u> at the Judge Black Meeting Room in the Wood County Courthouse Annex, located at 313 Market Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101;

<u>Thursday, October 15, 2015,</u> in Meeting Room D of the Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center, located at 200 Armory Drive, Beckley, WV 25801;

Monday, October 19, 2015, at the Martinsburg North Middle School, located at 250 East Road, Martinsburg, WV 25404;

<u>Tuesday, October 20, 2015,</u> at the B&O Building of the West Virginia Northern Community College, located at 1704 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003;

<u>Thursday</u>, October 22, 2015, at the Logan High School, located at One Wildcat Way, Logan, WV 25601;

Monday, October 26, 2015, at the Bluefield High School, located at 535 West Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV 24701;

<u>Tuesday, October 27, 2015,</u> at the conference room of the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission, located at 400 Third Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701;

Monday, November 2, 2015, in the training room of the Mountain Line Transit Authority, located at 420 Dupont Road Morgantown, WV 26501; and

<u>Tuesday, November 3, 2015,</u> at George Washington High School, located at 1522 Tennis Club Road, Charleston, WV 25314.

Verbal and written comments will be accepted during the meeting; written comments are requested by November 17th, 2015. If you cannot attend one of the workshops, please visit the following website for project information: <u>go.wv.gov/dotcomment.</u> Project information will be posted on the website October 6, 2015.

Those wishing to file written comments may send them to Mr. Ryland W. Musick, Jr., P. E., Director, Programming Division, West Virginia Division of Highways, Capitol Complex Building 5, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0430, or by email to robert.c.watson@wv.gov.

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GENERAL STIP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

O1: What is the STIP?

A1: The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a federally required, financially constrained planning document that outlines what transportation initiatives the State intends to advance with the funds projected to be available during the planning period.

Q2: Why are we here?

A2: The WVDOT is in the process of developing a new STIP document that outlines the types of projects and programs the Agency could advance with the funding available. WVDOT personnel are here to educate the public on how the STIP is developed and to improve transparency regarding the overall program. The WVDOT is seeking input from the public on the Agency's proposed mix of programs and projects and identify any recommended changes.

Q3: What time period is covered by the STIP?

A3: West Virginia currently has an approved STIP covering FFY's 2014 to 2019. Each State is required to develop a STIP covering 4 years. As in the past, West Virginia is developing a new six-year STIP document covering FFY's 2016 to 2021, with FFY 2020 and 2021 being provided for information only.

O4: How often is the STIP modified?

A4: New STIP's are only required once every four years; however, West Virginia has been attempting to prepare a new STIP annually. As stated previously, the most recent STIP was approved in FFY 2014. In addition to full revisions, currently approved STIP documents are also modified by amendment and/or adjustment depending on their scope and cost. The WVDOH has amended the current STIP 23 times, since its initial approval.

O5: What types of projects are in the STIP?

A5: STIP's are required to contain all capital and non-capital transportation projects that are proposed to be funded in part using federal-aid highway funds (Title 23 U.S.C.) or under the Federal Transit Act (Title 49 U.S.C) or any regionally significant transportation projects to be funded with non-Federal funds. As such, the STIP covers an extensive range of projects, from bicycle and transit initiatives to the construction of new four-lane highways.

Q6: How much federal funding is anticipated for the STIP?

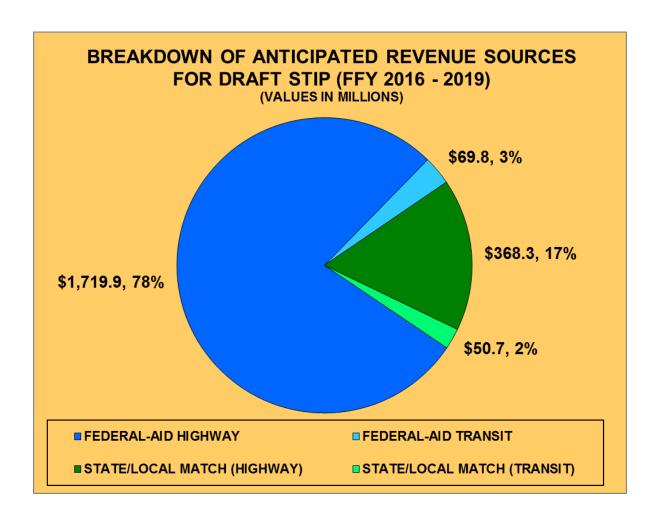
A6: During the FFY 2016 to FFY 2019 period, which corresponds to the official time-period covered by the STIP, the WVDOT anticipates that approximately \$1.79 billion in federal funding would be available for highway and transit programs and projects; of which, \$1.72 billion is derived from federal-aid highway funds and \$0.07 billion would be derived from federal-aid transit funds.

- Q7: Are the projects in the Federal STIP the only projects that will be advanced during the planning horizon?
- A7: No. In addition to the projects identified in the Federal STIP that are funded primarily or solely with federal funds, the state of West Virginia also conducts transportation projects that are solely funded with State dollars. The State funded program is referred to as the State STIP, and is necessary because many of the roads in West Virginia are not eligible for federal-aid funding.

Q8: Is this my last opportunity to ask questions or comment?

A8: No. In addition to being able to ask questions or comment at one of the 11 public workshops being conducted throughout the State, individuals are encouraged to mail-in comments on the attached form or respond via e-mail to robert.c.watson@wv.gov.

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DRAFT FFY 2016 - 2021 STIP FINANCIAL CONSTRAINT CHART

STIP - 2016 - 2021 FINANCIAL NUMBERS

2020-2021 INFORMATIONAL LISTING

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^{*} OTHER funds consist of Core Funds that were apportioned underprevious Transportation Bills (such as M., BR., SRTS, ENH, EB) and are considered "Carry-over" with MAP-21 Obligation Authority for these funds will come from the corresponding MAP-21 fund

WVDOH has the ability to program projects up to the projected yearly apportionment amount, but WVDOH sets the program based on 98% of apportionment + 5 5 M for Aug. Redistribution. This is the figure that is used to program projects. If additional obligation authority is made available, projects will be amended or adjusted into the program accordingly.

The cum ulative supplemental spending column will maintain a running balance of funds that are not used for the authorization of new projects, but are used to payfor existing projects that have cost overruns underruns and other issues that affect the amount of funds available for

Core funds are handled as a group when it comes to obligation authority (actual amount of money available to spend). Up to 50% of obligation authority can be moved around in the Core group

SPR &PLaccounts for Statewide Planning and Research Funds are authorized based on the State Fiscal Year and therefore do not match the Federal Fiscal Year

Advance Construction (AC) projects are accounted for as a line dem in the project listing, in the county of the project and in the year of payback. This may occur over multiple years and is depicted for informational purposes under the AC. PAYBACK column. Primarily for FFY's 2016-2019, STP and NHPP funds are being used for the payoff of Advanced Construction projects.

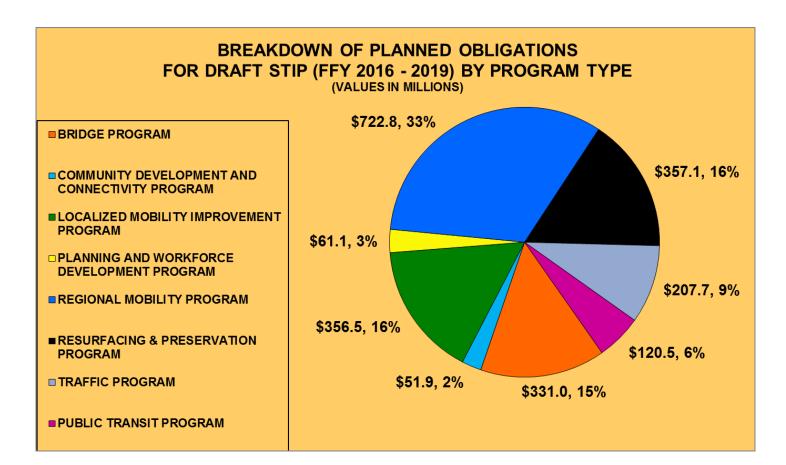
TIGER Grants, along with other Discretionary Grants, have been included with Earmarks

^{**} Historically, the WVDOH has received additional funds, per year, by the way of Earmarks. However with MAP-21, Earmarks have been eliminated. Previously received Earmarks will be placed on projects as matching funds are available. The amount of Earmarks scheduled will be dependent upon the available funds shown in the DEMO ID chart in Section 9 of the STP.

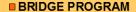
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Tables and Federal Project Listings" Section for a list of the actual projects. The amount shown above is federal dollars only. **** The column labeled as "POTENTIAL AC.PROJECTS" represents projects that are state funded, but may be converted to federal funds during the FFY. This column is for informational purposes and is not included in the financial constraint. Please refer to the "Financial"







- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM
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DATES: October, 6, 8, 13, 15, 19, 20, 22, 26, and 27, 2015

November 2 and 3, 2015

LOCATIONS: Elkins, Weston, Parkersburg, Beckley, Martinsburg, Wheeling, Logan,

Bluefield, Huntington, Morgantown and Charleston

SUBJECT: Informational Public Workshop PROJECT: Draft STIP for FFY's 2016-2021

COMMENTS REQUESTED BY: November 17, 2015

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